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SUBJECT: COW ON UNIDO DRAFT CONSTITUTION: PLENARY JAN 14 AND 15:

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1. SUMMARY: PLENARY OF COMMITTEE OF WHOLE ON UNIDO DRAFT CONSTITUTION CLOSED GENERAL DEBATE JAN. 14. SPEAKERS INCLUDED ROMANIA, BELGIUM, MONGOLIA, MALTA, BULGARIA, CUBA, MEXICO, SWITZERLAND, AND AUSTRIA. PLENARY MET BRIEFLY MORNING JAN 15, REMAINDER OF DAY GIVEN OVER TO MEETING OF GEOGRAPHIC GROUPS. END SUMMARY.

2. ROMANIA (ANINOIU) OPENED GENERAL DEBATE MORNING JAN 14 WITH LONG, RAMBLING STATEMENT CALLING FOR UNIDO CONSTITUTION TO REFLECT NEW REALITIES OF AN NIEO, EQUAL RIGHTS FOR ALL MEMBERS AND REJECTION OF WEIGHTED VOTING CONCEPT. CONFERENCE SHOULD BE CONTINUED, BE PRIMARY ORGAN OF UNIDO, SHOULD BASE ITS DECISIONS ON CONSULTATION AND CONSENSUS AMONG MEMBERS AND SHOULD MEET NOT ONLY UNCLASSIFIED

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AT VIENNA BUT ALSO IN MEMBER STATES ON ROTATIONAL BASIS.

BELGIUM (PIETERS) MADE USEFUL STATEMENT GIVING HEAVY STRESS TO INTERDEPENDENCE OF PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS NEW UNIDO. ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPMENT OF LDC'S SHOULD BE BASED ON ACCEPTANCE OF PRINCIPLE OF INTERDEPENDENCE AND OF RECIPROCAL BENEFIT. BELGIUM DID NOT BELIEVE IN IDEA OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AT ANY COST; IT SHOULD BE BALANCED AND FIRMLY BASED ON AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT. THERE WAS NO SINGLE MODEL FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT APPLICABLE TO ALL LDC'S; GENERAL STUDIES TO THAT END WERE INTELLECTUALLY INTERESTING BUT NOT PARTICULARLY VALUABLE. BELGIM PREFERRED CONCRETE ACTIONS BY THE NEW UNIDO USING LIMA DECLARATION AND PLAN OF ACTION AS GUIDE. MONGOLIA (BAYARTE), CITING ATMOSPHERE OF PEACE AND SECURITY AS PRECONDITION FOR SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF COW, HELD THAT CAPITALIST SYSTEM PARTICULARLY MULTI-NATIONALS, IS MAIN BARRIER TO ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OF LDC'S, AND THAT UNIDO CONSTITUTION SHOULD RECOGNIZE THAT.

3. MALTA (CILIA) LED OFF GENERAL DEBATE AFTERNOON JAN 14. SHE HELD THAT A PRIMARY TASK OF THE NEW UNIDO WOULD BE THE INCREASE OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN LDC ECONOMIES. MAIN ACTIVITIES OF NEW ORGANIZATION SHOULD BE ASSISTANCE TO LDC'S IN IDENTIFYING APPROPRIATE MEANS OF INDUSTRIALIZATION FOR EACH NEEDY MEMBER ESPECIALLY WITH REFERENCE TO THE SELECTION OF APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY, PROVISIONS OF TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR SKILLED PERSONNEL, AND PROVISION OF A FORUM FOR EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND EXPERIENCES WITHIN UNIDO FUNCTION AS COORDINATOR OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES OF UN SYSTEM. SHE REJECTED THE PROVISION IN DRAFT CONSTITUTION FOR WEIGHTED VOTING, AND ARGUED THAT THE IDB SHOULD BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE INCREASED LDC REPRESENTATION AND MEET MORE FREQUENTLY THAN ONCE A YEAR. BULGARIA (GANOVSKI), NOTING THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF FINDING A UNIVERSAL APPROACH TO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, CALLED FOR INCREASED ATTENTION TO THE STATE SECTOR AND STATE PLANNING IN UNIDO CONSTITUTION, WHICH SHOULD BE UNIVERSAL IN NATURE AND HAVE AS ITS PRIMARY FOCUS THE EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCE IN INDUSTRIALIZATION AND THE PROVISION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. HE REJECTED THE PROVISION FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP IN THE CONSTITUTION, AND PROPOSED

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THAT THE POWERS OF THE IDB BE INCREASED. BULGARIA WAS DOUBTFUL OF THE NECESSITY TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF THE IDB, BUT COULD ACCEPT AN INCREASE TO SIXTY MEMBERS IF BASED ON EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION. BULGARIA BELIEVED THAT UNIDO SHOULD HAVE THREE DEPUTY DG'S REPRESENTING THE INTERESTS OF THE VARIOUS GEOGRAPHIC GROUPS.

4. CUBA (RODRIGUEZ) GAVE BOMBASTIC PROPAGANDA ADDRESS WHICH

WAS ENTIRELY DEVOID OF SUBSTANTIVE CONTENT. MEXICO (SALDIVAR) BELIEVED THE CONSTITUTION OF UNIDO SHOULD REFLECT ACCEPTANCE BY DC'S OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR ASSISTING INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OF LDC'S. MEXICO HOPED THAT SA STATUS WOULD ALLOW UNIDO TO INCREASE ITS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES AND FAVORED ESTABLISHMENT OF SYSTEM OF CONSULTATIONS AMONG DC'S AND LDC'S. SHE CALLED FOR INCREASED LDC ROLE IN UNIDO DECISION-MAKING, INCLUDING ENLARGED LDC REPRESENTATION ON THE IDB AND LARGER LDC REPRESENTATION ON THE UNIDO PROFESSIONAL STAFF. SWITZERLAND (VON SCHENCK) CALLED FOR AN ACTION-ORIENTED UNIDO, PARTICULARLY IN ITS ROLE AS EXECUTING AGENT IN THE PROVISION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. IT SHOULD ACT AS AN INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN INDUSTRIAL PARTNERS, PUBLIC OR PRIVATE, AND STRENGTHEN ITS CONTACTS WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR. THE NEW UNIDO MUST HAVE A STABLE FINANCIAL FOUNDATION AND BASE ITS ACTIVITIES ON THE PRINCIPLE OF COOPERATION. IN THAT SENSE, NEW CONSTITUTION MUST BE ACCEPTABLE TO ALL PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS. HE DID NOT VIEW THE PROVISION FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP AS AN ABSOLUTE NECES-SITY, WAS OPEN-MINDED ON THE MATTER. AUSTRIA (WOLTE) CALLED FOR A CONSTITUTION THAT WOULD APPEAL TO ALL PRESENT MEMBERS OF UNIDO, ONE FLEXIBLE ENOUGH TO MEET FUTURE NEEDS. IF THE CONFERENCE WERE TO MEET ONLY EVERY TWO YEARS, THE IDB SHOULD PROBABLY BECOME THE EXECUTIVE ORGAN OF UNIDO. IN THIS CASE, QUESTION OF FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS OF THE IDB WOULD NEED CAREFUL CONSIDERATION. FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEW UNIDO WOULD BE A CRUCIAL ELEMENT REQUIRING CLOSE ATTENTION AS WAS THE QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT TO DEPART FROM ACCEPTED VOTING PROCEDURES ON FINANCIAL MATTERS.

5. AUSTRIAN STATEMENT ENDED GENERAL DEBATE. PLENARY MET BRIEFLY MORNING JAN. 15 TO HEAR CHAIR (MEHTA - INDIA) EXPRESS APPEAL THAT ARTICLE-BY-ARTICLE "FIRST READING" OF DRAFT CONSTITUTION BEGIN ON MORNING JAN 16. REMAINDER OF JAN 15 UNCLASSIFIED

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GIVEN OVER TO GEOGRAPHIC GROUP MEETINGS IN PREPARATION FOR FIRST READING.

6. COMMENT: CAREFULLY-WORDED, NON-COMMITTAL AUSTRIAN AND SWISS STATEMENTS WERE INTENDED CONVEY IMPRESSION THAT THESE COUNTRIES HOLD A MIDDLE GROUND WITHIN GROUP B, TO LEFT OF HARD LINE POSITIONS EXPRESSED BY US, FRG, JAPAN, ET AL., BUT NOT SO FORTHCOMING AS SWEDISH POSITION AS INDICATED IN GENERAL DEBATE. STIBRAVY

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